

**351.46 Tampering with an electronic handling device — penalties.**

1. A person commits the offense of tampering with an electronic handling device if all of the following apply:

a. The person knowingly removes, disables, or destroys an electric device designed and used to maintain custody or control of the dog or modify the dog's behavior.

b. The electronic device is attached to or worn by the dog or attached to an item worn by the dog, including but not limited to a collar, harness, or vest.

2. a. For a first conviction, the person is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

b. For a second or subsequent conviction, the person is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

3. [This section](#) shall not apply to an act taken by any of the following:

a. The owner of the dog, an agent of the owner, or a person authorized to take action by the owner.

b. A peace officer as defined in [section 801.4](#).

c. A veterinarian licensed as provided in [chapter 169](#).

d. An animal shelter or pound as defined in [section 162.2](#).

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